

In the fragment of the raincoat shown in Fig. 4, two of the raincoat's panels 24, 26 are shown as being stitched along a seam 28. Seam 28 is sealed by a tape 30, which is bonded to and extends along the seam in contact with the contiguous edges of the work facings of panels 24 and 26. With the raincoat in dress mode as in Fig. 1, the taped seams are shown as dashed lines 32,33,34,35,36, and 37, depicting the tape on the work faces when concealed at the interior of the raincoat. With the raincoat in work mode as in Fig. 2, the taped seams are shown as solid lines 32,33,34,35,36 and 37, depicting the tape on the work faces when revealed at the exterior of the raincoat. When the raincoat is in protective mode, a retro-reflective band 45 surrounds the chest and back and retro reflective bands 47 and 48 surround the wrists and arms of the wearer. Seams 32 and 33 join the arms to the bodice. Seams 34 and 35 join front panels 39, 41 of the bodice to a back panel 43, which spans the back of the raincoat. Seams 36 and 37 join the lower portions of the reversely contiguous edges of the single piece goods from which the sleeves are formed. Fig. 5 illustrates details of the clothing material from which the sleeves, and the front and back panels are fabricated. This clothing material comprises a laminate of opposed facing strata 20 and 22, and an interstice stratum 52. Preferably: stratum 20 is a weave of dark color for dress use; stratum 22 is a knit of high luminosity or public service use; and interstice stratum 52 is a

membrane with high vapor transmission. Facing stratum 20, interstice stratum 52 and facing stratum 22 are laminated together by adhesive bonding strata 54 and 56. The outer surfaces of facing strata 20 and 22 are infused with water repellant polymeric coatings 58 and 60, which, in combination with the microporous membrane, effectively render the fabric water repellant, waterproof and windproof. Seam 28 is sealed at the surface of the knit facing strata 22 of adjacent panels by knit tape 30, which has the same functional and visual characteristics as have the knit facing strata. The inner surface of tape 30 is sealed to coating 60 of facing stratum 22 by a bonding stratum 64. The outer surface of tape 30 is provided with a stratum 66. The resulting seamed laminate configuration is waterproof, windproof and breathable, but nevertheless provides the hand, feel and comfort of a single ply fabric.